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SECSTATE FOR NEA/ARN/PM-SAS, SECDEF FOR ASD: ISA,
DA FOR DALO-SAC, GHQJAF FOR COURIER//P&O, USCINCEUR
FOR ECJ4/7-SA.

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, MILI, JO
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LOA - COBRA/TOW, RELATED EQUIPMENT
- AND TRAINING (U)

REF: DA WASHDC, DALO-SAC 1909, DTG 281947Z JUN 78 (C)

1. THE JORDAN ARMED FORCES, HAVE REQUESTED THAT AN
LOA BE PREPARED FOR 6 AH-1S COBRA/TOW HELICOPTERS,
RELATED EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING. THEIR REQUEST IS
BASED ON P&B DATA PROVIDED IN REFERENCED MESSAGE.
SPECIFICALLY, THE REQUEST ASKS FOR THE FOLLOWING
ITEMS WITH COSTS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THOSE
SHOWN:

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- A. 6 AH-1S HELICOPTERS WITH \$12.0 MILLION
NEW T-53-1-703 LYCOMING ENGINES,
M65 AIRBORNE TOW SYSTEM, 20MM
UNIVERSAL TURRET ARMAMENT SUBSYSTEM,
XM-136 HELMET SIGHT SUBSYSTEM,
AND INSTALLED AVIONICS.

- B. 3 SPARE ENGINES \$ 0.6 MILLION
- C. CSP, TEST EQUIPMENT, \$ 4.7 MILLION
M89E1 TRANSMITTING SET WITH
PEDESTAL, FEEDER ASSEMBLIES FOR
20MM GUN, AVIONICS MAINTENANCE
FLOAT, M158A1 2.75 ROCKET
LAUNCHERS (7 TUBE), AND
GROUND AND FLIGHT RISK
INSURANCE.
- D. 20MM AMMO (348,000 ROUNDS) \$ 1.1 MILLION
- E. 144 TOW MISSILES \$ 0.9 MILLION
- F. 1882 2.75 INCH ROCKETS \$ 0.8 MILLION
- G. TRAINING \$ 5.6 MILLION
- TOTAL \$25.7 MILLION

GHQ, JAF, RECOGNIZES THAT COSTS ABOVE DO NOT INCLUDE
PCH&T, ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES, NOR OTHER SUPPORTIVE
COSTS SUCH AS TDY, CONUS REPAIR AND RETURN
OF MAJOR COMPONENTS, CLSSA, TECH REPS, ETC.
ABOVE ALL, MAP JORDAN REQUESTS THAT THE INTRODUCTION
OF TOW/COBRA TO JAF BE AS A COMPLETE SYSTEMS
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PACKAGE WITH ALL, REPEAT, ALL POSSIBLE NEEDS COVERED
BY THIS AND AS MANY OTHER FMS CASES AS NECESSARY
TO ENSURE TOTAL PACKAGE CONCEPT AND COMPLETE
SYSTEMS COVERAGE. TO DO OTHERWISE WILL RESULT IN
UNREALISTIC COST ESTIMATES, AND
COMPLICATE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

- A. THE JAF FIVE YEAR MODERNIZATION PLAN
CALLS FOR A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN ANTI-
TANK CAPABILITY. THE ABOVE REQUEST IS MUCH LESS
THAN THE JAF PLANNED TOTAL OF 24 TOW/COBRA SYSTEMS.
BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING TANK DENSITY AMONG
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST, AND
JORDAN'S INFERIORITY IN NUMBERS, JORDAN MUST
CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF BETTER ANTI-TANK DEFENSES.
THIS REQUEST FOR AN LOA FOR 6 COBRA/TOW SYSTEMS AND
ALL NECESSARY SUPPORT IS NECESSARY FOR THE JAF TO
MAINTAIN EVEN A MODERATE ANTI-TANK CAPABILITY WHEN
CONSIDERING ADJACENT COUNTRIES ARMOR CAPABILITIES
AND JORDAN'S CENTRAL POSITION IN THE AREA.

- B. THE ACQUISITION OF THE 6 COBRA/TOW SYSTEMS
WILL SOMEWHAT IMPROVE JORDAN'S MILITARY CAPABILITIES
IN THE ANTI-TANK DOMAIN. WE JUDGE IT, HOWEVER,
TO BE OF MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE, RATHER THAN MAJOR,
WHICH IT WILL BECOME WHEN AND IF ALL 24 COBRA
SYSTEMS ARE OPERATIONAL.

- C. THE INTRODUCTION OF THE COBRA/TOW SYSTEM
WILL REQUIRE AN INCREASED NUMBER OF U.S.

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PERSONNEL IN JORDAN. THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR TECH
REPS FOR INSTRUCTION AND ASSISTANCE IN SYSTEMS
MAINTENANCE UNTIL RJAF PERSONNEL ARE WELL TRAINED
IN MAINTENANCE OF EACH OF SYSTEMS COMPONENTS. AN
MTT COMPOSED OF US ARMY COBRA/TOW MAINTENANCE
PERSONNEL AND INSTRUCTOR PILOTS WILL PROBABLY ALSO
BE REQUIRED. THE USE OF A U.S. MILITARY MTT
SHOULD REDUCE THE OVERALL COSTS OF SYSTEMS INTRODUC-
TION IN JORDAN.

- D. FUNDING OF THIS PROCUREMENT WILL REQUIRE
SEVERAL YEARS OF U.S. FMSCR OR A COMBINATION OF
FMSCR AND MAP. AMEMBASSY AMMAN SEES NO OTHER WAY
GIVEN THE GOJ'S PRESENT FINANCIAL SITUATION.
THESE FMSCR ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO WHATEVER
ASSURANCES ARE REQ AT TIME OF EXECUTION.

- E. THERE MAY BE AN IMPACT ON JORDAN'S ECONOMY WITH JORDAN PAYING FOR ACQUISITION OF THE COBRA/TOW SYSTEM. DEPENDING ON FINAL TOTAL COSTS TO INTRODUCE THE COMPLETE PACKAGE FOR THE SIX SYSTEMS, THE
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BURDEN ON GOJ COULD BE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE. THE P&B DATA SHOWS THE TOTAL TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$26 MILLION. AMEMBASSY AMMAN WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE THIS FIGURE APPROACH \$35 MILLION TO \$40M BY THE TIME DELIVERY IS REACHED, AS OTHER SUPPORT NEEDED IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE P&B ESTIMATE.

- F. NO HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT SEEN AS A RESULT OF THIS REQUEST.

- G. MISSION DOES NOT HAVE CAPABILITY TO ADEQUATELY MONITOR USE AND TRAINING DURING AND AFTER INTRODUCTION OF THE SYSTEM TO JORDAN. DURING INTRODUCTION OF THE SYSTEM, MAP JORDAN WILL REQUIRE ADD'L TEMPORARY STAFFING THROUGH USE OF MTT TO PROVIDE REQ STAFFING. AFTER INTRODUCTION, MAP JORDAN MAY REQUIRE ADDITION OF APPROPRIATELY TRAINED ARMY AVIATOR, OR ALTERNATIVELY A CHANGE IN MOS OF ONE OF THE ALREADY ASSIGNED PSNS.
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